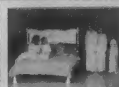


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## One dead in structure fire

➤ Investigation into  
cause of fire  
is ongoing

Western Review Staff

The identity of a person found dead in the remains of a residence that burned down in the Breton area, has not been released by police.

According to a release by Breton/Thorsby RCMP, emergency services were dispatched to a fire at a rural property in Brazeau County. When RCMP and members of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services arrived on scene the residence had burned down.

When the fire was completely extinguished the remains of one person were discovered in the debris.

At the time of the RCMP press release Friday afternoon a positive identification of the person had not been determined. However, police believe the person was the lone occupant of the residence. The next of kin had not yet been notified Friday afternoon.

The fire remains under investigation with RCMP investigators working in conjunction with fire investigators to determine the cause of the fire.

Anyone with information is asked to call Breton/Thorsby RCMP at 780-898-3510, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or online at www.tpsbmbn.ca.

The Western Review will have more on this story in next week's edition.

## LET IT BLOW, LET IT BLOW, LET IT BLOW!



Courtney Whalen Western Review

The day after the Drayton Valley area received an amount of snow that cancelled school buses and activities, created difficult driving conditions, resulted in many motorists getting stuck and a no-low advisory being put in place, the digging out was ongoing. On Nov. 26 Drayton Lambert was ready to tackle some of the piles of snow with his snowblower. The snow stopped, but frigid temperatures moved in last weekend, plunging Drayton Valley and area into the winter season.

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## news

# ALERT, Drayton Valley RCMP join forces on project

Three arrested in drug investigation

Courtney Whalen  
Western Review

Three people have been arrested and face a total of 18 charges related to drug trafficking after a joint investigation by the Drayton Valley RCMP and Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT).

On Nov. 21 members from ALERT Edmonton

were involved in executing a search warrant on a Drayton Valley home. The search of the residence resulted in the seizure of nearly \$30,000 of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana, along with \$5,000 cash police believe are the proceeds of crime.

As a result of the search warrant 24-year-old Dwight Levis, 31-year-old Crystal Pilon and 33-year-old Ryan Nosdaks were arrested and charged.

Last week ALERT spokesman Mike Tucker said the search warrant concluded a

one-month investigation.

In part due to a spate of organized crime activity that was occurring in the area earlier this year, much of it surrounding the activities of groups considered outlaw motorcycle gangs by police, Tucker said ALERT and the local RCMP detachment have built a strong working relationship. When local investigators contacted the provincial team about the drug trafficking activity, a project was formed.

Tucker said the team is pleased with the results of the project.

"This group was very active in Drayton Valley," he said of those arrested.

Although in comparison to some of the other projects ALERT is involved with the dollar amount isn't high, Tucker said the success of the project isn't just about the

financial value.

"The dollar value you can't put on that is the impact it has on the community," he said.

Going forward Tucker said ALERT will continue to work with Drayton Valley RCMP to tackle issues involving orga-

nized crime. They are issues facing communities across the province, he noted.

ALERT is a government-funded team that involves more than 400 municipal police, RCMP and sheriffs that focuses on serious and organized crime.

## County budget process begins

Lesley Allen  
Western Review

Last week Brazeau County Council held what will be the first of many meetings involved in the lengthy process of the 2015 municipal budget.

Discussing topics such as capital, community services, and other areas of funding, council felt positive about the work they were doing in order to have services available to residents.

"I think it's important for people to know that this council is doing their very best to meet the service delivery budget, that's what I call it," says Shirley Mahan, Brazeau County Acting Reeve. "It's service delivery because everything in here is to serve our residents and I believe we're getting the job done."

Leading up to budget, the resignation of former Reeve Pat Van led some residents questioning the productivity and working process of council moving into the future. This concern was clearly not an issue during budget discussion last week with so many of the subjects up for discussion had councillors in agreement.

"Things are business as usual," said Mahan. "I think we've all made up our minds that we're going to just pick it up and everybody is doing what they can and it's awesome, plus the fact that we have three new members from last year that are now seasoned for this year."

so it matters so much easier. Last year it took a little bit more because you're not used to the budget system, but this year it's phenomenal."

With much of the discussion focusing on areas of the budget that keep county administration operational, Mahan said to this point one of the biggest areas that will garner the interest of residents has been roads.

"The road part, the capital budget that we did today is a big one, that's of interest to the County, mostly because it's in this point one of the biggest areas that will garner the interest of residents has been roads."

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"In our meeting probably in January for just roads what we're going to try and do is make a capital budget for roads for the next 10 years that is

double," Mahan continued. "It's up and down like a yo-yo, so it will be more levelled out and I think that will give the opportunity that we're not burning roads into the future because there will be consistency."

Other areas of great interest to residents within Brazeau County are the large projects that the county looks to support. According to Mahan there was no discussion about this topic and that it is something what will come up later in the budget process.

"We always have a savings account for our major projects such as the airport, the pool, and all that, we put that money away all the time, but in having said that we need everybody's support in that before we come to the table with the major projects."

Part of the discussion when it comes to these types of major projects include the input of residents. Mahan provided a year council will only be holding one meeting where residents are able to go over the budget with council and ask questions on the entirety of its spending.

"We are going to have one AGM this year. It's not going to be all the county halls as we did last year, we decided one AGM with a moderator and it will probably be February/March timeframe."

For more information on the 2015 budget discussion that took place on Nov. 25, 26 and 27, call (780) 542-7777 or visit [www.brazeau.ab.ca](http://www.brazeau.ab.ca).

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**DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY PARKS DESIGNS**

If you live in the Town of Drayton Valley and/or regularly use our community parks, you will be interested in the way three (3) parks are going to be improved. The Town is finalizing a series of park improvement plans for the Downtown Park, Rotary Park, and the former H.W. Pickup School Park, and your input is important. For more information on these upcoming events contact Annette Driesen at 780-514-2232 or email: [community@draytonvalley.ca](mailto:community@draytonvalley.ca)

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

**3:30 - 5:30 pm**  
Downtown Park  
(located south of the 55+ Recreation Centre), 5138 - 52 Avenue

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Rotary Park  
Scout - Guide Hall in Drayton Valley, 4801 - 52 Avenue

**Thursday, December 4, 2014**

**12:00 - 2:00 pm**  
Downtown Park  
(located south of the 55+ Recreation Centre), Drayton Valley 55+ Recreation Centre, 5138 - 52 Avenue

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Former H.W. Pickup School Park  
Rotary House in Drayton Valley, 4743 - 46 Street

**PROPOSED SCHOOL BUS HUB LOCATION**

Please be advised that the Town of Drayton Valley along with Wild Rose School Division, are proposing to create a school bus hub within the lands legally described as NW5-49-7-W5 and municipally described as 4725-46-52.

The purpose of the school bus hub is to relocate the existing transfer site from Eldorado Elementary School to the old HW Pickup Jr. High School grounds.

The site is to accommodate approximately 28 school buses which will run from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and then again from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please provide any comments or concerns that you have, in writing, to our office on or before December 3, 2014. You may submit your feedback by calling 780-514-2250, fax: 780-542-5753, email: [planning@draytonvalley.ca](mailto:planning@draytonvalley.ca) or drop off at the Town office at 5130-52 Street.

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Next Regular meeting of Council  
**Wed. Dec. 10, 2014**  
Council Chambers, Town Office - 9:00 a.m.

Next Governance & Priorities Meeting  
**Wed. Dec. 3, 2014**  
Town Office - 9:00 a.m.

**Early Childhood DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

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## news

### IN THE NAME OF SANTA



MINISTER J. JARA, Minister of Education

Families were seen having a fun day at the Santa's Workshop at the Macleod Conference Centre where there was lots of activities to keep little hands busy. The annual event is put on by the Drayton Parent Link Centre in partnership with other community organizations and a large number of volunteers.



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### UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on December 2nd, 2014 starting at 9 am, including the draft Off-Highway Bylaw 841-14 review.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on December 9th starting at 10 am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2867 for further information. \*\*\*Dates are subject to change.
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting on December 17th at 10 am at the County office.
- 2014 County Ownership Maps are available for \$10.00 plus GST. You may pick them up at the Administration office reception desk.
- \*\*\*All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

BRAZEAU COUNTY is requesting a proposal of a Contract for an Animal Control Officer. Your written proposal shall include:

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Deadline to apply is December 5, 2014 at 5 p.m.

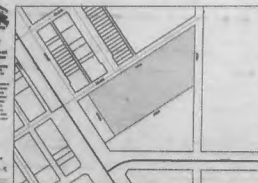
### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 852-14 to change the designation of Lot B, Block 1, Plan 1985 KS (8.8 acres) from **Light Industrial (LI)** to **Urban Reserve (UR)** as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, Brazeau County plans to construct a communication tower, to provide better communications to the Cynthia area.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. **The Public Hearing will be held on December 16, 2014 at 10:00 am** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., December 5, 2014, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A copy of Bylaw 852-14 and the Urban Reserve District is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2867 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.



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## news

## Classroom Champions give back to the community

Random acts of kindness connects seniors and local students

Lesley Allan  
Western Review

With the goal of motivating students to recognize their potential, set goals and dream big, Olympic and Paralympic athletes have been visiting classrooms across North America for the last four years through an educational program called Classroom Champions.

Now into its fifth year, Drayton Valley is just one of the communities benefiting from the experience of top ranked athletes, as three local classes welcome the program into their schools.

"I think it's really important for kids to set a goal and have a focus every month that's beyond the classroom and it's about reaching out to enrich our community and also our school community as well," explains Dayna Landry, Grade 6 teacher at Aurora Elementary, as to why she wanted to bring

the program to her class. Using video and live chats, Classroom Champions' athletes teach about the hard work of training, goal setting, competition and perseverance and then encourage students to use through real life activities. For November, this lesson took the students out of the classroom and into the community they call home.

"Today was about trying to make Drayton Valley a happier and better community," explained Landry. "We're part of the Classroom Champions program and so every month we're given a focus on a community."

This month was all about community, so between myself, and then Mrs. Weir's Grade 2s (from Evergreen), and then Mrs. Hickman's Grade 6s (from Eldorado), we wanted to do something with all three schools to truly show all of us pulling together as one group to appreciate the community that we have.

"What my goal is for each of the classes is to kind of up the stakes every single month," shared Landry. "We want to be better and really focusing on Drayton Valley as a whole and doing more things inter-school to show the

connection between the three schools and show how three schools can work together to make our community better."

Prior to the excitement of helping make the community of Drayton Valley better, students also had an exciting opportunity to talk face to face with their athlete.

"We were really excited last week because we got to have a Google Hangout chat with our Olympian Briney Webster, which really made it real for a lot of the kids," explained Landry. "Before then we would receive videos from her that were pre-taped and then we would do the task and send information back to her, but to actually have that give and take conversation was really exciting for everybody."

According to Cameron, With Classroom Champions set to continue on for the rest of the school year, Landry hopes to continue on with the great success they saw with visiting local seniors.

"We decided as a group to give back to those who had contributed so many years to our community," she continued. "The kids were com-

plained behind it, and our parents were supportive in all three schools."

On the day of the trip, Nov. 25, this fact was clear as students gathered together with excitement for a group picture before taking off to visit continuing care, Serenity House and Shuang-Li Lodge.

"We know that these people have not had it very well, most of them are sick and need some cheering up," said Grade 6 Aurora student, Haley Cameron, who visited continuing care along with some of her classmates. "We decided to give them some flowers and help cheer them up."

"I love doing this," she added. "I love making people happy, help them enjoy their day even more and make them smile."

With Classroom Champions set to continue on for the rest of the school year, Landry hopes to continue on with the great success they saw with visiting local seniors.

Having the opportunity to speak with Webster made an already great program even better and helped to build a friendship between the Olympian and the students.

"It is great," she said. "When we had a chat with her over the internet and she didn't talk once about [visiting seniors] is the [activity] we want to do."

Landry also looks forward to what the future holds when it comes to Classroom Champions and believes after everything it is teaching all the classes involved a very important lesson in life.

"Truly when you put your efforts together, even through little things, you can make people's days and you can make events better just by supporting each other and working together," she said.

"I love it, we have done so many different things so far, like learning what fair play is and what non-fair play is," she explained.

"This month I think we have all enjoyed getting to share our ideas with each other and deciding that [visiting seniors] is the [activity] we want to do."

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Photo Submitted

On Nov. 25 students from Aurora, Drayton Christian, and Evergreen schools, spent the afternoon giving back to the community and visiting seniors in continuing care, Serenity House and Shuang-Li Lodge.

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Committee application forms can be found on the Town website (under employment opportunities) or can be picked up at the Town office. Terms of Reference for this committee can be picked up at the Town office.

### PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

#### SECTION 251 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Drayton Valley, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to local Improvement By-Law No. 2014/19/F which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the officers of the Town to assess the registered owners of the affected properties by way of a local improvement levy, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose(s), namely the extension of Brougham Drive, Southwest of 52nd Street (within the limits of the said municipality);

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$692,600.00. The local improvement levies are to be repayable to the Town in no more than ten (10) equal consecutive annual instalments of combined principal and interest, the annual interest not to exceed two point fifty seven per cent (2.57%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority;

**NOW THEREFORE NOTICE** is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Drayton Valley that, unless a petition of the owners for a vote on By-Law No. 2014/19/F is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing By-Law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

**DATED** at the Town of Drayton Valley, in the Province of Alberta, this 29th day of October 2014.

Town of Drayton Valley  
PER: Signed (Manny Deol)  
(Chief Administrative Officer)

### OMNIPLEX SKATING TIMES

KIDS' SKATE 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Wednesday, December 3rd  
Friday, December 12th  
Monday, December 15th  
Monday, December 22nd

SHINNY HOCKEY PRACTICE 12 & UNDER 12:15 - 1:15 pm  
Friday, December 5th  
Monday, December 22nd  
Sunday, December 28th  
Tuesday, December 30th

SHINNY GAME AGE 13-18 1:15 - 2:15 pm  
Friday, December 5th  
Monday, December 22nd  
Sunday, December 28th  
Tuesday, December 30th

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December 3rd, 10th & 17th

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December 5th, 12th & 19th

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If you require any further information, please contact Jennifer Martin, Planning & Development Officer, at 780-514-2200.

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## our editorial

# Bad weather can bring out the best

Last week went out on a decidedly sour weather note with the large dump of snow the area received and all the challenges that come along with it. From cancelled school buses and evening events to navigating area roads and highways and just the sheer volume of snow that fell in less than 48 hours, there was a lot to complain about. But as much as there was to challenge local residents, last week's winter event also had a more positive side in the community.

Local social media pages, especially the Drayton Valley Snow Out page, were full of stories of friends, neighbours and strangers helping others with shovelling, snow blowing and even a push or two. Many people were tired of the amount of snow we had by the second or third time they had swept off their vehicle or fished out of icy roads. It would be easy to get home, clear their own sidewalk and driveway and huddle inside. Who could blame them.

But the weather seems to bring out the "we're all in this together" mentality in many people as they help others in their community out for money, not for thanks, but just because it's a nice thing to do.

As the snow kept falling last week Drayton Valley and District PCSS also put out a call to round up some volunteers for its Snow Angels pro-

gram to dig out local seniors and those unable to do their own shovelling. A thank you posted on social media by the organization on Friday thanked students from H.W. Pickup and PMHS, individuals and some area businesses who stepped up to answer the call.

Of course, we realize this is just the beginning and before we see the green grass of spring again there will be many more days where there will be need for community-minded people with snow blowers, or just a good shovelling arm. If last week's response is any indication, we're off to a good start.

As we go through this winter there will be lots of ways to bring some warmth to the chilly season. If you're not equipped or able to help with snow clearing, or pushing a stranded motorist out, what about something as simple as brewing up some coffee or hot chocolate to distribute to those out in the neighbourhood who are. Or taking a few moments to pop in and visit with a neighbour who isn't able to get around as easily in the winter to break up the boredom of being stuck inside.

If you do want to get physical, contact PCSS at 780-514-2205 to get your name on the list for the Snow Angels program.

Let's continue to let the worst of the weather bring out the best in our community spirit.

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APPARENTLY... YOU'VE GONE FROM BLACK FRIDAY TO RED MONDAY!!



# Bend, lift, release, repeat

When Fin Chief Tom Thomson once touted the importance of stretching before shovelling your walk, I laughed until I was almost in tears.

It's hard to say what I found so comical about the advice, delivered at one of our weekly meetings. The visual of performing a stretching exercise and a routine of neck, shoulder and hamstring stretches and then heading at the knees to pick up a shovel simply sent me into hysterics.

I am not laughing now. I'd appreciate it if you didn't tell him, but Fin Chief Tom Thomson was right.

After leaving work early on Thursday in an attempt to get Little Blue home before she was stuck in on-parking lot, or on a local road, I arrived just minutes after her roommate. After we exchanged some general four letter words about the snow and driving conditions he noted that after he finished something in the house he was going out to start shovelling.

Now, I'm not saying he was trying to put me on the spot, but as I watched my brain trying to think of a plausible excuse that would allow me to struggle up under a blanket with a mug of tea while he was outside, I felt compelled to utter these words:



There and Back  
Courtney Whalen

"I will just put my snow pants on and come out and help you."

As I began the rather long and exhausting process of simply getting ready to go out and shovel I cursed my mind for not being quicker and heaved a sigh of resignation. As I jammed my toque on my head and grabbed a shovel, I did not pause to prepare my muscles for the activity that was to come.

While not necessarily pertinent to the general narrative, I would like to inform you that I was outside a good half hour prior to my roommate making an appearance. Then at another point during the process, with snow coming down in my face, my hair matting under my toque and moisture running down my face that was either sweat, snow or some complex attractive combination of the two, I looked around and could not find my shovelling partner. A quick investigation soon revealed him at the end of the neighbour's driveway, LEANING ON HIS SHOVEL, and chanting "It was a complete outage, I am sorry you."

Although he seemed relatively unbothered by my scathing chastisement, he was soon back to clearing his half of the driveway. In a mere hour and 40 minutes we were done, and, with a final middle finger to the snow, I put behind me and with no thought of something I carried on with my evening.

It was not until the next morning when I attempted to get out of bed, only to be forced into a yell of agony by my rebellious muscles. I was prepared to concede that the Fin Chief may have been on to something. I was further reminded of this words throughout the day any time I attempted to do such arduous tasks as standing up straight, lifting my arms above chest height, turning, bending, yawning and, in general, existing.

The whole episode has taught me some valuable life lessons. First, do not laugh at Fin Chief Tom Thomson, or he will send karma to get you in a big way. Secondly, compile a ready-made list of believable excuses that will ensure I never, ever, have to abandon flat pants, a blanket and tea for snow pants and a shovel.

# Letters to the editor

## Reader impressed with local arts production

Right here in Drayton Valley we experienced an amazing live performance of *School of Music*. Better yet, every single person involved was LOCAL! And they were all incredible! We had the great privilege of having a kid involved. What an experience what a blessing. This is something the cast and production team will never forget. The children will take this amazing experience into their futures and be the better for it.

They have experienced what true and hard commitment is, the sacrifices involved and the sheer exhilaration of seeing it all come together with a stunning outcome. They have seen full-time working adults commit copious amounts of time and energy into making this happen, they have seen the dedicated volunteer building sets, modifying costumes, staging all the props and expecting up with creative solutions to seemingly impossible obstacles. They have learned team work, teamwork, public speaking and singing, stepping outside of their comfort zone and the

beauty of caring for each other. The list could go on of all the benefits for children and adults who would ever consider taking part in a live musical production. A HUGE heartfelt and sincere thank you to Miss Joanne, Andrew (Harris), Allie Spicer, Rhys, Jan Wright, amongst many others. Your dedication, commitment and willingness to go beyond what most of us could ever imagine giving of ourselves. You have given our kids and all of us a golden memory. Some of us will be forever in your debt.

Lorraine Press

## Rinettee fan glad to see sport thriving

Congratulations to the Drayton Valley Ringette Association for the excellent Tournament held Nov 21-23rd at the local arena. They put in tremendous hours of hard work committed to the sport of ringette and did an awesome job. I have seen ringette grow from its beginning in September, 1986 when the first team hit the ice with nine players and ended the season with 21 from age seven to 14. We played exhibition games (ice supplied by other

leagues) and a few tournaments. Drayton Valley Ringette now has six full teams starting with initiation up to U19. The first Friendship Tournament was held Nov 16, 1991 — a one day event from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with four U12 teams and three U14 teams. That number almost triples this year with 19 teams participating over three days.

Over the years ringette has brought home parents to display their achievements from Provincial Championships, gold, silver and bronze.

Drayton Valley Ringette has faced and met the many challenges and obstacles over the last 24 years and is going strong due to the tremendous support of parents, players, coaches, executive, sponsors and the town as a whole. They have proven that a little encouragement and hard work really does go a long way.

My vision of seeing a team in league play at a competition level has become a reality and the growth and success of ringette in the community has exceeded my expectations. From watching my daughters play to the pride I now have watching my granddaughters play.

Lorraine Piel

# Looking to the future



Sam's Spot  
Sam Lafleur

est in journalism is my love for helping others. Journalism has given me the ability to report to countries in need and give a voice to people who do not have one. I have been told by many people that by going to other countries that are in danger I would be putting myself in danger. This has never been a fear for me. Understand that it is a risk to go to certain countries, though this has never turned me away from wanting to believe that there are so many people in need that if I can give people a voice from these countries the risk would be worth it. I have a need to help people and I feel everyone deserves and needs a voice.

I also enjoy getting to know people and hearing their stories of others. Through journalism I have the ability to meet new people and learn new stories daily. I

love listening to people tell me their opinion. I believe you can learn a lot from others and as a journalist each day I would grow and learn more just by hearing the thoughts and stories of the people I meet.

Travel is another reason I would love to become a journalist. I went to Europe on a school trip about two years ago and since then I have been completely obsessed with travelling. I love to see and learn about different cultures and travelling is the greatest way to do that. Through travel I have been able to experience things that are unlike anything I could experience here. My absolute favourite place I have been in Paris, France. Viewing the breathtaking cathedrals, walking through the busy markets and standing on the top of the Eiffel Tower are some of the greatest moments I have ever experienced in my life and I can't wait to go back one day and do it all over again.

So far working with the girls at the paper here has been a wonderful experience and has only made me want to pursue Journalism even more.

I am looking forward to getting more experience through out this next year and being able to add a little bit of my voice to the Western Review.



## SAFETY COURSE SCHEDULE

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## DECEMBER 2014

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Wednesday, December 3 ..... TDG 1:00pm  
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# Annual Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 9th, 2014  
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## opinion

# Have you started your Christmas baking yet?

I am taking part in a Christmas bake exchange this season with some people I know from work (I'm sure you know by now I wouldn't really know them from anywhere else). So last week, has included a lot of Huff Post Living website and Pinterest trying to narrow down one baked goodie for this exchange.

Well, when I was first told about it, I figured baking one kind of cookie would become monotonous since I had to bake about 72 of them. Yes, we were going to do initially. So, maybe I should have had two kinds of treats I thought. How ambitious of me, right? And five minutes later, my aspiration went out the window when I realized how much work it would be for me – a virgin cookie



Mamta's Musings  
Mamta Lulla

baker – to bake 72 cookies. So I decided to open my mouth. Soon after, our bake exchange had one dozen cookies for each person went down to half dozen (I patted my back in my mind). I can be quite persuasive, evidently, I had seconds and thirds in no time to support my claim. The half dozen per person

was my idea simply because what am I going to do with that many cookies? Don't you say eat them. More so, how would I ever bake that many? Not happening. So I was not sorry that we cut down the number to half.

And just so it happened, my tiny-apartment warming fell on the same weekend meaning, now, I didn't just have to bake cookies but fry samosas and cook turkey chili in my slow cooker.

I am shaking my head because it was my idea to make samosas. So I have no one else to blame for that one.

Making samosas is a long ordeal. Making them for six people is completely another process.

So last week involved calling a source, leaving a message and

checking Pinterest. And with just about 45 minutes of Pinterest I realized baking was not the hardest part of this cookie exchange.

It was having to narrow it down to one easy recipe. Something that doesn't include frosting cookies (because do I own a piping bag?), raisins (because someone part of the exchange hates them), or can't be anything healthy at all (Because I can't feed avocado chocolate fudge gooey cookies to people, someone reminded me).

So there I was desperately looking for more recipes.

I passed on the peppermint sugar cookie dough bark (because whatever recipe I choose needs to involve a lot of baking). Come on. This was the best way to learn since I wasn't going to eat them!

I said no to matcha cookies (I am not sure if that will go with Christmas). I shook my head at ginger bread and sugar cookies because those traditional pieces have been thought of and then excelled at by millions.

So maybe, simple peanut butter cookies with Hershey's Kisses and green sprinkles? Or maybe chewy bacon butterscotch cookies? And, we are just going around in circles now aren't we?

Let me put it this way, I decided to write this column about my bake exchange, instead of actually getting up and baking.

Mom won't be pleased. And if you feel like getting a big pack of Oreos right now, I truly am sorry. But if it helps, I am getting one as well. Holiday season is almost here.

## community

# Around the water cooler...

Well, when winter decides to make an appearance it doesn't mess around! We hope that everyone has managed to dig out and stay warm over the past several days.

Let's hope things are back to normal by now!

We want to start off by sending some love, but no less heartfelt, birthday wishes.

Bailey Cox celebrated her 15th birthday on Nov. 27 and her family here in Alberta and those who live in B.C. want to send their love and best wishes for the year to come. We hope you had a wonderful day, Bailey!

We also have a birthday shout out to send this week to a great friend of ours who celebrates on Dec. 5.

Kimberly Sekura may not live in the area anymore, but she's still a frequent visitor and deserves all our biggest wishes for her birthday and the year ahead! Have a great day!

Now let's take a few lines to send out some big, big, BIG congratulations to everyone who was involved with the Sound of Music production that had six shows over the past two weeks. The production entertained sold out crowds and every single person and get your photo taken with us at our destination. When you return e-mail your photo to courtney.whalen@summedia.ca so we can include it in our Review feature. And watch next week to see who others have been taking us! That's it for this week.

Have a delightful December!

We have a vibrant arts community. Good job! A few little reminders for those looking at ways to help bring a smile to someone else's face this Christmas season.

Santas Anonymous donation boxes are up around the area, waiting for your donation of new toys. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 19 and Dec. 21 will be the day the Lions Club will be looking for help from volunteers to get everything ready for delivery ahead of Christmas. We will have more on the campaign and how it's going in next week's edition of the Western Review.

Hearts for Lushoto also offers a way to make a significant difference in the life of a family. Empowerment Cards are available at Value Drug Mart or Your Choice Embroidery for donations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. Every single cent of the money goes to fund an economic project for a family in Lushoto. The families use the money to help establish or expand businesses to support their families. To find out more go online to www.heartsforlushoto.ca.

Don't forget that if you're going travelling you should pack us in every single person and get your photo taken with us at our destination. When you return e-mail your photo to courtney.whalen@summedia.ca so we can include it in our Review feature. And watch next week to see who others have been taking us! That's it for this week.

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## PASSING THE BUCK



Mamta Lulla Western Review  
Tulus representative Dean Shuler was on hand at the Drayton Valley Municipal Library with Mayor Glenn McLean, Librarian Sandy Faunt and Deputy Mayor Graham Long, who sits on the library board, last week to present a cheque for \$2,000 to support initiatives to teach children about technology innovations and fibre optics.

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# Strap on a pair of snowshoes and discover the area



Get Active! Get Outdoors!

The snow is here and I think it's safe to say that it's not leaving anytime soon. I'll admit I'm just as guilty as these other folks who complain about long and cold winters, even though I've lived through several of them and still choose to stick it out through yet another. But this year I am going to try and make a positive effort to complain about the snow and weather less (unless it reaches below -30, that's my breaking point, I'm sorry) and embrace it more. Without snowshoes, winter there wouldn't be an opportunity for activities like cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowman building and snowshoeing. Snowshoeing just happens to be one of my personal favourites too – it's simple, affordable, and allows people of all ages to be active and explore all that winter has to offer in the outdoors. It's also the fastest growing winter sport in the world! Several animal species found in

winter climates have even adapted "snowshoes" of their own. Species such as the snowshoe hare and lynx have large, padded feet that act as snowshoes and distribute their weight more evenly across the snow – allowing them to travel more easily along it. Snowshoes have come a long way since the early wood frame sets that are popular today. These snowshoes are much lighter than their ancestors and come in a variety of shapes and sizes depending on what you want to use them for. There are three general categories of snowshoes: recreational/hiking, aerobic/fitness, and hiking/backpacking. If you're just starting to get into snowshoeing, a pair of recreational/hiking shoes would probably suit your needs as they are made to use on easy terrain that doesn't include a lot of steep hills.

If you aren't entirely new to the sport of snowshoeing and want to take it to the next level, then a pair of aerobic/fitness shoes are more suited to you. These types of snowshoes are designed to handle more wear and tear and variable terrains than recreational/hiking snowshoes. The toughest, most durable snowshoes are those for hiking/backpacking and are designed to handle difficult terrain and fresh powder.

So now that you have purchased a set of snowshoes, where can you use them and Drayton Valley? The Valley West Interpretive Trail and Rotary Pembina

Nordic Community South Trail System offer some great varying terrain for beginner and intermediate snowshoers. Maps of these trail systems are available at [www.eprbparksandcouncil.org](http://www.eprbparksandcouncil.org). It is important that snowshoers respect other winter sports like cross-country skiing and do not damage or travel on any of the groomed trail systems. If you're unsure if trails within the Parks System are accessible for snowshoeing, please give us a call to clarify at 780-898-7275. If snowshoeing already didn't

sound like a great, accessible winter activity, then the Parks Council will make it even easier for you to discover this awesome sport! The Parks Council has a set of snowshoes that we loan out for FREE to schools and community groups. The set includes 24 youth pairs (up to 40lbs, and up to 120lbs) and six adult pairs. A snowshoeing booklet is also included with the snowshoes that includes helpful information like how to wear the snowshoes and some fun games

to play while wearing them. You can book the snowshoes online by visiting our website and filling out a rental form or by calling 780-898-7275. Happy snowshoeing!

— JeanAnne Telisak is the Education and Outreach Co-ordinator with the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council. Find out more about the Parks Council online at [www.eprbparksandcouncil.org](http://www.eprbparksandcouncil.org).

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# news

## Community rallies around family in big way

After their belongings were stolen, area residents came to their aid

Community News  
Western Review

When the Kozlowski family was told their belongings were stolen, area residents came to their aid. The family's story was featured on CTV News and the community rallied around them.

After getting into Drayton Valley later on Nov. 18 the family had taken their son up to the hotel room to get settled. It was the next morning when Prefontaine went out to get a change of clothes for him and couldn't find the family's truck. Realized with all their possessions and Webb's tools, that she realized what had happened.

Just three months prior, while in Whitecourt, the family's truck and all Webb's tools had also been stolen. Finally in a place where they were getting back on their feet the family of three arrived in Drayton Valley, only to have it all taken away by criminals again. Only this time among the items taken were personal possessions and sentimental items like family photos, and all of her son's belongings.

"Then it started hitting me what was in the truck," said Prefontaine last week. "I couldn't stop crying."

But it's at this point where the story takes a happier turn.

While Webb was out picking up some essentials for their son, he ran into Diane Cherkowski. During the course of their exchange Cherkowski learned what had happened and didn't hesitate to help.

Her daughter had a number of items she was looking to get rid of that would help her after the needs of little Kyle.

"She had everything they needed immediately," said Cherkowski last week.

After a conversation with her daughter, the items were offered to the family. When she heard the news it was the ray of sunshine Prefontaine needed.

"Diane was just so friendly and so loving—and just having anyone offering anything," said Prefontaine. "It was just so nice. I didn't think people were like that anymore."

That turned out to be just the beginning.

The family's story was featured on CTV News and the community rallied around them.

Local resident Heather Brinkhoff, who is a friend of the family, said she was watching it started to do a bit of looking. She discovered she and Prefontaine had a mutual friend on Facebook. Through the mutual friend and a Facebook message, the two were connected.

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Webb's possessions were items for her son, including a stroller and pampers.

So Brinkhoff put her feelings out to friends, telling them if they had any items to pass on, to simply load them in the back of her truck.

When she went to check the truck after that she said she opened it and it was full of items to help the family.

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Rosinick contacted

Prefontaine to let her know of the situation. She was the first to meet in person when Prefontaine, accompanied by Dunlop, came to pick them up.

"We shared a tear and a hug," said Rosinick.

She had also reached out to Sam Ichay at the White Bull, who jumped on board to offer a meal and some gift cards to the family. Just another one of the many who wanted to help.

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last week in the story. The Kozlowski family's experience has been "amazing."

"To find a community like this, with people like this, it's phenomenal," said Prefontaine, noting the company that had hired Webb said they would keep him on, despite the loss of his tools. A community member soon stepped forward to offer Webb those tools he needed to get to work.

Lafayette Inn and Suites put the family up until they found something more permanent and as of this week the three have moved into their new home. Thanks to the welcome

they have received the family plans to stay.

"We very much want to call this home," said Prefontaine. "When you have extra, you should be able to give something back," she said.

Looking back on all that has happened since that morning when she realized their truck had been stolen, Prefontaine could only describe it one way. "Inane, absolutely insane."

She said the family was thankful for everyone who donated, or offered words of support and added that they were looking forward to getting settled in their new home.

Rosinick said she knew the importance of making those connections and was glad to be a part of something positive. "I wasn't born here, I realize how hard it can be when you

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# news

## MAN VAN ROLLS INTO DRAYTON



Despite the weather conditions on Nov. 27 the Rural Man Van from Calgary made it to Drayton Valley for PSA testing for men over 40 on Nov. 27. Many turned up have the simple blood test done and treated themselves to cake and beef on a bun after. The Man Van was brought to Drayton Valley through the sponsorship of Drayton Valley Toyota, Independent Electric & Controls Ltd. and Apex Monarch.

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3. Reading together at the Rotary or Municipal Library.
4. Helping a senior!
5. Doing a random act of kindness for a neighbor.
6. Swimming at Park Valley Pool or Skate at any local skating rink.
7. Donating to the food bank.
8. Looking through the Drayton Valley and District Guide to Arts, Learning, Recreation and Support Services.
9. Baking, cooking or eating dinner together as a family!
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## news

## A road less travelled for mental illness awareness

Alberta Outlaw travels by horseback to raise funds and awareness

Lanney Allan  
Western Review

It's going to be a long and arduous journey, but one that's worth it for the Alberta Outlaw and his horse Drifter, as they make their way down to the United States, raising nothing more than half of a five dollar bill and a goal to raise funds and awareness.

"We're riding for mental illness," says the Alberta native who goes by the alias Outlaw. "It's a huge disease that's infecting millions of people in one form or another. It's costing our government millions of dollars and the saddest part of that is there's thousands of people taking their own lives because of this illness."

"I lived it. I survived it and I can ride and raise awareness and save some lives, that's what we're going to do," he added.

Explaining that he considers himself lucky surviving depression, anxiety, bipolar, and manic bouts, Outlaw shared that it is his experiences that made him want to make a difference in how people approach mental illness, and how it's dealt with.

"I got this idea because I've lived with mental illness," he said. "I survived and am doing well. I did go for help, which is what I want to encourage everyone to do with this disorder or disease, and don't ever give up you can get through it."

Shopping in Drayton Valley on Nov. 24, Outlaw and Drifter began their journey travelling from his ranch north east of Grand Prairie to Tennessee, Outlaw explained that there is no final destination and only a goal of collecting as much support as they can along the way.

"I have no destination. It's just this simple, the more

funds we can raise the further I will ride," he shared.

Getting off to a rough start as far as the journey goes, Outlaw knows the trip will prove to be a challenging one, but something he is willing to do knowing the troubling reality that comes to those suffering from a mental illness.

"It's not as hard as the storms I've faced mentally," he shared after explaining that he spent the night sleeping on the ground next to Drifter during his first stay in Drayton Valley.

"For me to ride in 30 below with the wind, doesn't even begin to compare with what I dealt with mentally and what other people are dealing with."

According to Outlaw, this kind of support is something he has had the privilege of experiencing along his journey and something he hopes to continue to find as he travels on and looks for more donations and sponsorship.

"Drayton's already been so kind," he said. "Right from when I left I knew I had people meeting me on the highway wanting to help me in any way, they've been so kind."

"I know there's good people in this world and there's lots of them, and I've got to give huge thanks to all the people that got behind me and sponsored me," he continued.

He expected to experience some harsh conditions as winter warnings were called for in much of central Alberta, but Outlaw explained that when he had originally planned the trip

he wanted to leave earlier. However, with a ranch to prepare for his departure this proved to be a challenge, but one he was willing to face with a cause he is passionate about and determined to make a difference no matter what he faces.

"It was a little bit difficult when I first left because I slept in the bush for the most part, didn't eat really well, and I rode through 26 below," he explained. "People said 'you've got to be crazy,' but I said 'it helps.'"

"It's all about the cause, it's not about me at all," Outlaw continued. "Like I said,

the reason I understand it is because I lived it. I suffered from, so I'm lucky I got out at all."

To learn more about Outlaw and Drifter's journey, including their progress, you can find them on Facebook by searching The Alberta Outlaw Raising Awareness for Mental Health.

All funds raised online will go to Canadian Mental Health Association, Edmonton Region, while donations made to Outlaw directly may be used to help support his journey with food, supplies, and lodging when necessary.



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The Alberta Outlaw and his horse Drifter rest at a local restaurant in Drayton Valley as they make their way to the U.S. to raise awareness for mental illness.

## news

News from  
the Drayton  
Valley RCMP

Courtney Whalen  
Western Review

Police were called after a resident in the area of Twp. Road 491 and Range Road 73 discovered that sometime between 10 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 6 a.m. on Nov. 25 a six-foot duck decoration had been stolen from their property.

The culprit(s) also stole floodlights and damaged a number of other Christmas decorations on the property.

Anyone with information on the theft and vandalism is asked to contact Drayton Valley RCMP.

**CHARGES EXPECTED**  
A man involved in a single vehicle rollover will likely be facing charges after police found

illegal substances in the vehicle.

Emergency services were called to a single vehicle collision about 15 kilometres south of Lodgepole on Nov. 25. A truck and its lone occupant ended up in the ditch. When police arrived a quantity of illegal substances were found in the vehicle by police. Last week Cpl. Marco Lou said charges are pending.

**ITEMS RECOVERED**  
A pickup truck was recovered by RCMP on Nov. 25 after it was spotted in the bush off Hwy 759 in the area of Range Road 55. Police discovered the white Dodge crew cab belonged to a company that hadn't even been aware it was missing.

A bad choice in parking spotted the recovery of another piece of stolen property.

A flat duck trailer left parked was towed and upon further investigation police determined the trailer had been stolen in

into the ditch on Hwy. 620 south-west of Lodgepole. Fire services members from Station No. 1 and Station No. 3 responded to that collision.

**KEEP THE HOLIDAYS JOLLY AND FIRE FREE**  
With Christmas less than a month away, many people are starting to dig out the festive decor and set up their Christmas tree. In order to avoid the possibility of fire or injury ruining this Christmas season, the Drayton Valley/Brascan County Fire Services has some tips to remember while decking the halls.

Many decorations require a little bit of power to help them glow. While trying to find a spot to plug in, remember not to overload electrical outlets.

In fact, it's a good idea to use a power bar with a circuit breaker. That way if you do get overzealous with the power usage the power bar will switch off, not your main outlet.

If you're decorating both inside and out, remember that not all cards, power bars and decorations are created equal. Make sure you are using equipment rated for outdoor or indoor use. Using the wrong item can pose potential risks. Any elec-

trical items being plugged in for outdoor use, should have a three-prong plug in.

Candles can add an extra festive glow to your home and decorations, but residents should be careful not to leave them unattended, or have them burning in proximity to flammable items or within reach of children or pets. You might want to look into the possibility of using battery-operated candles instead of a real flame.

When it comes to your fireplace, be sure you really are hanging the stockings, and any other decorations, with care around it. Anything made of potentially combustible material should be kept away from the heat and flame produced by fireplaces.

To keep curious children and pets safe, decorations with small parts, sharp edges or any that look like candy, should be out of reach.

If your family opts for a real deal Christmas tree this year make sure to keep it well watered. A dried out tree can become a serious fire risk.

Finally, while it's great to enjoy the glowing lights with the family, lights should be turned off when no one is at home.

## Fire turns out to be permitted burn

Courtney Whalen  
Western Review

Firefighters were called to the same location twice for outdoor burning from Nov. 19-20-21.

Around 4:20 p.m. on Nov. 20 members were dispatched to reports of an outdoor fire north of Twp. Road 494, just off Hwy. 759. Firefighters arrived, but the landowner came on scene shortly after to show that he had a permit for the burn. Firefighters did not extinguish the main blaze, but did do some work around the perimeter of the burn. Then, on Nov. 21 around 1:30 a.m. firefighters were called to the same location.

Other calls during the seven-day period included an alarm at a local residence on Nov. 20 around 7:30 p.m. That alarm turned out to be false, and had been activated by cooking. Around 5:15 a.m. on Nov. 25 another residential alarm call came into the fire services. That alarm also turned out to be false.

The final call of the week was dispatched around 7:20 p.m. on Nov. 25 when emergency services responded to a single vehicle collision. A one-ton truck with a lone occupant had rolled

into the ditch on Hwy. 620 south-west of Lodgepole. Fire services members from Station No. 1 and Station No. 3 responded to that collision.

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## news

## A place for area artists

Drayton Valley Fine Art Society put together its annual show last week

Mamta Lulla  
Western Review

It was a night of admiring art at the annual Christmas Show and Sale put together by the Drayton Valley Fine Art Society. "All members are allowed to bring up to three pieces of art work and they can show it and they can sell it if they would like to. And we vote on it. People's choice. People who come can vote," said society president Kent Colwell, last week during the show held at the Valley Gallery.

"People who come to see it get to vote on a picture that they like the best. Which doesn't make it artistic (necessarily) but just a popular painting. So whoever gets most votes, gets a prize," added founding member Peter Jacobs. The Drayton Valley Fine Art Society has been in existence for more than 25 years and has been putting on the annual show for many of those years.

In recent times, the society has added a few new members. "New members are always welcome. Our year starts in October. And we welcome anybody who is interested in the visual arts. Anything visual arts based," said Colwell.

Twenty-four-year-old Robyn Anderson, who showcased three of her pieces at the show, has been part of the society for about a year.

"It's a lot of fun. I love coming here. Everyone is very welcoming, definitely not pretentious like you would imagine most artists to be," said Anderson. The society has both novice and experienced artists.

"We have beginners and then we have people who are shown at galleries, even internationally. So we kind of have a pretty good cross section," said Jacobs.

He believes new members are sometimes beginner artists and hence enjoy the direction and guidance they receive from the more seasoned artists in the group.

"Often times they're sort of beginner artists, and therefore I think they kind of like it because they are getting a lot of assistance and direction from the other members and that's a big help to them. And because at each meeting we have kind of a critique they can bring their stuff and get some help," he added.

After every meeting is adjourned, the members present gather around for a session of art critique where members who have done something recently can bring in their pieces to show off to the group and receive feedback.

The society has about 16 members currently and is open to anyone who has an

interest in the visual arts.

"It's such a gift for the community to have this type of society, we have been here a long time. I am a relatively new member but I was always aware of the fine art society, but at this stage in my life I was really able to become a part of it. And I am really grateful for it," said Colwell who has been part of the society for about three to four years.

Anderson believes young people may be hesitant to join a society such as this one due to perception of those around them. "When you are a young individual, maybe younger than I am, I am in that stage of my life where I am starting a career and I am growing up a little bit. So, it may be strange for me to join a society in the eyes of my peers. For somebody in high school this might be a little bit odd," said Anderson.

Colwell shared her experience of teaching art at a local school.

"I used to teach art at the high school here in Drayton Valley and I always find that art students in high school in that's where they used to thrive, they are out of their shell and they feel safe and this is another safe environment in our community," she said.

"I think a lot of the people just don't realize that, it's a very safe environment where anybody can thrive and grow," added Anderson.

She agreed she has grown since she



Mamta Lulla Western Review  
Art lovers gathered at Valley Gallery for the annual Christmas Show and Sale to look at some of the work done by local artists.

joined the society.

"I have definitely noticed that in the past year I have become much more innovative to create and not necessarily to do it to further my career. I want to further myself as an individual, not so much on the business side," said Anderson. You can find the Drayton Valley Fine Art Society by searching for the group on Facebook.



The annual Christmas Show and Sale was open to the general public, as well as the members of the Drayton Valley Fine Art Society. Some artists decided to put their pieces on display just for viewing while some others had pieces of their work up for sale.

## NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

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- DV14-173 4729-48 Street  
R2-Medium Density Residential District  
Conversion of SFD & Garage  
Issued (with conditions) November 26, 2014
- DV14-183 5165-51 Street  
OTCC-Downtown Reutilization Direct Control District  
Installation of Signage  
Issued (with conditions) November 26, 2014
- DV14-185 5115-51 Avenue  
IPU-Health/Industrial & Public Use District  
Temporary Building  
Issued (with conditions) November 26, 2014
- DV14-186 4832-53 Avenue  
R2-General Residential District  
Conversion of Garage to Entertainment Area  
Issued (with conditions) November 26, 2014
- DV14-180 2118 Highway 20 West  
RPM-Residential Housing Park District  
Removal & Replace Mobile Home  
Issued (with conditions) November 24, 2014

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## news

## Rural Crime Watch wants residents to be informed

Brings in speakers to educate on crime prevention

Mamta Lulla  
Western Review

Creating awareness was the main bullet point on the agenda of the Drayton Valley Rural Crime Watch meeting held in November at the Violet Grove Community Hall, where Crime Stoppers along with a Telus corporate investigator were invited.

"We are going to be doing that (inviting guest speakers) a lot more. Trying to bring in a lot of different people to answer a whole bunch of questions. There are a lot of frustrated people with crime," said Ron Erickson, vice president of the Rural Crime Watch group.

"Crime doesn't have borders but we do so we're trying to drop the borders, just bring everybody together and bring awareness to people out here that's all we're

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— Ron Erickson,  
Rural Crime Watch

doing," added Erickson.

Representatives from Telus and Crime Stoppers both agreed that a meeting such as the one in Violet Grove gives them a platform to spread public awareness of various services that are out there.

"Tonight I am attending the crime watch meeting just to spread the word about Crime Stoppers the program and to share the information that there is an anonymous tip line, that the program is alive and well and that this is a resource the community

can use to submit tips that will eventually get to the police and help to make our communities a safer place," said Communication Co-ordinator Annette Wagers for Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

Telus investigator for Corporate Security Eric Stenberg gave a short presentation about metal theft.

"I am here providing some information to the Rural Crime Watch here about metal theft and how it is a big impact on the public and to see if we can get people to observe if something is odd in their neighbourhood that they could report and help curb metal theft, which is a big problem in the province, not just Drayton Valley, but most of rural Alberta," said Stenberg.

Drayton Valley Rural Crime Watch has decided to host meetings every few months instead of every month.

"We were doing monthly meetings, now we're going to do every three months. It's just less people are coming to the meetings and we're getting very repetitive, so

we're just trying to bring in more people and talk to more, different things," said Erickson.

"People are getting busy, Christmas is coming, Christmas parties are coming. It is family time. It's hard to get out," he added.

The Rural Crime Watch is trying different ways to curb the crime level in the area.

"(There is) just a lot of frustration over the thefts. That's the biggest, and that's what we're trying to get out. We have signs up now around the area with Rural Crime Watch. We go to meetings with the association. We come up with different

ideas of what to bring to the meetings," he explained.

He said they appreciate the work and support from the local RCMP.

"Chris (Sgt. Chris Delisle) in the RCMP is really good. He is with and he is doing so much. That's his biggest thing here, he likes the idea that all of us are trying to work as a common goal and that will slow down the thefts. We can stop it. We know that. We can slow it down, and that's good," said Erickson.

## Reflecting on the impact of violence

Lesley Allan  
Western Review

In 1991 the Parliament of Canada designated Dec. 8 as a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

The day was set so that Canadians across the country could be mindful of the hardships that can face women when it comes to violence, and marks the anniversary of the murder of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989.

Since then the day has been used not only to reflect on the violence that faces women, but families as a whole, something the Pembina Crisis Connection Society (PCCS) of Drayton Valley believes is important. That is why they have held a special ceremony on that day, alongside other members of the community, for many years.

"In my mind, I think there's always a grief that goes with violence, whether or not somebody was like with these 14 women," said Dianne Nikiforuk, chairperson for PCCS. "The impact on those that they loved is never

ending and I think that's true of all homes where there's violence and so I think it's important to pause and reflect on how we can prevent and make a difference in our culture."

Gathering together on an annual basis over the lunch hour, PCCS has in the past brought together dignitaries and other residents in the area to share words of hope, peace and memory. However, with the day falling on Saturday this year Nikiforuk says PCCS has had to switch up their plans a little bit.

"Traditionally we have offered the Service of Remembrance during the lunch hour and we had been graciously hosted for many years by Campus Alberta (Norquest College)," she begins to explain. "Of course on the weekend Campus Alberta isn't open and the lunch crowd of supporters isn't working, so we're going to offer a time of prayer and reflection for anybody who wishes to stop in the United Church between 12 and 1 p.m."

"You can light a candle and just sit," she adds. "We will make a focus area to remember."

The PCCS has tried to hold their more traditional ceremonies during the weekend when needed, but the turn out has not been very good. Despite this she still feels that it is important that all members of the community take the time to reflect on the violence that faces women, girls, and families, and what this can mean for the rest of our society, as well as global community.

Nikiforuk says the day is also important because it helps to demonstrate how far we have come when it comes to talking about violence.

"Violence impacts all of us everywhere," she says. "In all generations as people become more and more aware, there are people putting more and more effort into breaking those cycles and I think that's encouraging. I don't think 30 years ago we talked about family violence very much at all and now we do."

To learn more about how to locally get involved in the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women locally, or to get help if you are experiencing violence, call 780-621-2393.



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## Right where they want to be

Boys and Girls Club is slowly integrating into the community

Michelle Labrie  
Executive Director

The Drayton Valley Boys and Girls Club is exactly where it's expected to be a few months after its launch, with the community slowly learning about the after-school service unlike a usual day care.

"I think we're right where we're supposed to be. It is new to the community so I don't expect it to take off and have all programs full immediately, but I think as the community becomes more and more aware as to what Boys and Girls Club is and how we're licensed and how we have quality staff and they all come with degrees and diplomas. It makes a huge difference as to how we are partnering with other organizations in the community just to work with our kids," said program director Sandie Labrie.

The club was introduced to Drayton Valley at the beginning of this school year.

"It's going well, I think. Two locations, we have pretty high

numbers, and two are a little bit lower. We would like to see more kids there, but kids who are here are loving it. Sometimes they don't want to leave because they're loving it so much," said program co-ordinator Verna Wicks.

The two locations that have proven popular with the program are Evergreen Elementary where students walk over to the Rotary House Building after school and St. Anthony School.

The other two schools that offer the program are Eldorado and Aurora Elementary.

"We find that PD days we get a lot of kids that sign up from these two schools as well so we really want to engage more in Eldorado and Aurora and allow the parents to maybe have a better understanding around what the program has to offer and that it's not a drop off babysitter service. That's not what we do. It's actually a program where the kids get to learn, experience new things, become part of the community so we will be doing Communitarian in Bloom come spring, planting flowers, stuff like that," explained Labrie.

The program offers full day services on PD days, which is free for students already registered in the program and non-registered students pay a fee of



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Brooke from Aurora Elementary school is enjoying some dramatic play time at the Drayton Valley Boys and Girls Club.

\$35 for that day.

Currently, the program has about 48 registered students with others who drop by on PD days. Parents pay a \$310 per month for their child to use the program. Fees decrease if parents have more than one child they want to register.

Wicks explains what children do on every day basis when they come in after school.

"They come and we try to get some physical activity time so we kind of call it gym time but it's not always in the gym. So we may go outside and play because they really need that after being in school all day. We try to have a snack fairly early on as well because they're hungry after school and on different days we do things like crafts or play games or we do dramatic play type activities, so using your imagination. Right now we are having kids suggestion Fridays so we have a suggestion box that kids think of and they put their suggestion in the box and we pick something out of there to do their choice on Friday," explained Wicks.

Both of them explained the program has come a long way with many changes since it started in September from scratch.

"I think the kids have grown in that area as well because I think they feel like they can give their feedback or what they want and how it is incorporated and they love it. They're able to give their view on how the pro-

gram should run and that's how each group is different because the kids work together in their own group," said Labrie.

Currently the program has 10 program staff excluding Labrie and Wicks.

"We had nothing set up to start with, it was all new. Even in the month of September I felt, as the co-ordinator, a huge change just setting up rooms, getting materials in the rooms, meeting new staff, everybody came from their own background working with kids daycare, teachers, so far as to all come together and learn what is Boys and Girls Club together, what is it like, I think everybody started to gel and are on the same page now so that makes it so much nicer," said Wicks.

Labrie explained the licences for the club have come into place and the accreditation is in process since the program started.

"I think in September obviously everything was new, staff, rooms, the whole program, getting the community involved, so our launching was new, for all of us moving forward. Since then we have gotten our licences all figured out. We are moving towards accreditation. We have kids that honestly since they started their behaviours have changed and they are getting used to the routine and really feel like they belong here. I think we feel like they're our kids and it's almost like a family," said Labrie.

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## Sports

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## Thunder struggle on three game road trip

Team back home for a Dec. 4 match against the Bobcats

Wildcats Interview Staff

The month of November came to a tough end for the Drayton Valley Thunder as they spent the week on the road and were unable to rack up a win.

Starting their three game week on Nov. 25 in Spruce Grove the game got off to a bleak start as the Saints kept the Thunder scoreless through two, while managing to get three past netminder Marc Olivier Daigle in the second.

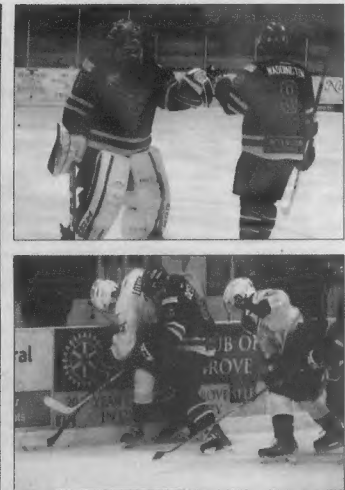
The Thunder rallied in the third thanks to Jamie Waddington, who netted one shortly into the third and again in the second half of the period, accounting for the entirety of the Thunder offence and earning himself the Away Star of the Game. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough for a win as the Saints took the game 3-2.

Friday night found the Thunder in Brooks and they wasted no time getting on the board, scoring in the opening two minutes of the game. Through three the teams found themselves tied at 4. The Bandits made good early on in overtime and took the overtime win 5-4.

Saturday night in Okotoks the Thunder got their only marker on the powerplay in the first period. Although it tied the game at that point, the Oilers added to their score in the second. With no scoring in the third Okotoks took the 2-1 win.

When they return home Thursday night to take on the Lloydminster Dragons the Thunder will be working to snap out of a seven game losing streak and start the month off with a win.

Game time on Dec. 4 is 7:30 p.m. at the Omplex.



Photos courtesy Kathy Matlock

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Jacob Wachowicz moves the puck during AHL action in Spruce Grove on Nov. 25. Netminder Marc Olivier Daigle and forward Jamie Waddington celebrate after a Drayton Valley goal on Nov. 25. Defenceman Nathan Doyell battles with a Saints player along the boards.

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Some children who are part of the Drayton Valley Boys and Girls Club try their hand at ice skating.

## Junior lifeguards show strength

Successful start of the season for Junior Lifeguard Club

Lesley Allan  
Western Review

It was only the first competition of the season for the Junior Lifeguard Club, but the team is already seeing good results after they attended a competition in Whitby on Nov. 26. The team's first goal was to have a lot of firsts, but a personal best shared Desera Buzza in backstroke of the Junior Lifeguard Club. "I can't complain that all went really well."

With 25 members attending the competition, where 60 athletes hit the water, Lesley saw the team is already pushing ahead of past successes which is encouraging for the future.

We are definitely in the top 16, which is a big goal for the club," she said. We have a lot more in the top 10 than we have in the past.

While the team is working past their personal bests, the benefit of the club is that they can swim as often as they want.

"They like to take what they learned in the club and put it into their own swimming and see how well they do it on their own."

The whole idea of this is life saving skills and around water, so we have



Lesley Allan Western Review  
The Junior Lifeguard Club was in Whitby recently to kick off their season where they saw a successful competition.

gives them something else to do rather than just swim."

According to Lesley, Junior Lifeguard is an excellent sport that keeps athletes busy throughout the winter and gives them something to do when they are not swimming.

"It's a very much disciplined sport," she explains. "It's not just swimming, it encompasses being able to carry a ball or full mannequin, so you have to be strong, you have to be able to swim, and you have to have a good understanding of how to swim somebody's life and why it's important to do it properly."

"The whole idea of this is life saving skills and around water, so we have

mannequins they have to go swim down to the end and bring the mannequin back, so then to carrying the mannequin back and saving them. Being able to do it as fast as you can and being able to save them, and doing a rescue. A lot of this program comes back to lifeguarding skills and life saving skills in and around water, so we've had a few people go through the program and now they're staff here. So it helps with that respect when you're doing Junior Lifeguard Club."

For more information on the Junior Lifeguard Club call Park Valley Pool at 780-514-2225.

## Team shows defensive improvement

Courtney Whalen  
Western Review

With the defence coming together, the Youngmen will be looking to get their offensive side fired up to bring the team more wins moving forward this indoor soccer season after a 1-1 loss last week to Young Guns.

Heading into the match the Youngmen knew the Young Guns were a fast team, so the strategy was to remain calm when they entered the DV zone and wait for the counter attack when possible. The opposition opened scoring early on, but team spokesman Brad Kelly said it ended as a good motivation for the team.

"It was actually good because instead of playing at their level it made us have to play strong for a longer period of time," he said.

Shortly after that the Youngmen tied it up and then netted another to take the lead. Things were going well as the team was dominating action on the pitch and winning about half the ball.

A foul at the end of the first half

meant the Youngmen would be starting off the second with not only the lead, but also a power play. However, the second didn't start as the team was hoping as their usually strong powerplay struggled technically just after the Young Guns on essentially killed the penalty they scored to tie it up again. What followed was an exchange of penalties for both teams as well as goals that didn't result in goals. Kelly said the Young Guns were lower than competition and the Youngmen were optimistic the game was going their way.

They added to that optimism when they took the 3-2 lead with a shot off their side of the goal. Subsequent to the opposition looked to tie it up but we let off the gas," he said. Kelly of when the game took a turn in the Young Guns favour.

They went right on a line change and, with little time the defence could do, the game was once again tied.

Once they tied it up the Youngmen went back to work. Kelly said the Youngmen made mistakes under the pressure

Kelly said technical mistakes and a few bad touches made it possible for Young Guns to take the lead.

"When the Young Guns took the lead we couldn't believe it. This was definitely a game that we should be dominating," he said. "We failed to make an offensive comeback because of technical mistakes."

The loss of points means the Youngmen remain near the bottom of the standings, while a win would have moved them up significantly.

Despite the loss, some things are going right for the team. Kelly said the last two games have been the best defensive efforts this season. Now the team needs to build its offense to regain their momentum.

While our top two leading scorers were on the team again, we did show moments of depth, our third line had a goal, and our fourth line did not commit a minor," he said.

With a long line up of practices leading up to the Christmas break Kelly said the team will be looking to strengthen their middle areas to present a united threat on the pitch into the new year.

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Marta Lulla Western Review

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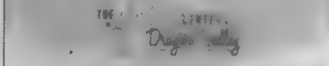
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# NEWS

## Preventing illness before it starts is the goal

Schools work with parents to ensure children stay healthy during winter months

Medical officers and school principals have a few words of advice for parents and students as winter hits us along with winds full of flu germs.

For regular hygiene practices, we encourage washing of hands. Stay home from work or school if you're sick to prevent spreading germs and if there are sick people around, wash your hands even more," said Dr. Deena Hinshaw, a medical officer of health with Alberta Health Services.

Schools are given their annual reminder by the Alberta Health

Services (AHS) on illnesses. AHS asks schools to call them if the school witnesses an absence rate of 10 per cent or more due to flu like symptoms in students.

AHS has two teams of nurses, both giving advice on how to clean up if the school is closing in on the 10 per cent absenteeism mark.

"First team deals with communicable diseases control nurses. Those help schools if there were kids with coughing, influenza. Second team of nurses has environmental health officers that deal with nausea, diarrhoea and vomiting. In both cases, our teams give cleaning advice to schools," said Hinshaw.

Meanwhile, schools like St. Anthony have done their part already and reminded parents to do the role they play, as well. In a recent newsletter sent to the parent community the school stated

"It is important that we keep our school safe for everyone. You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, pertussis, measles, impetigo, fifth disease, hand foot or mouth pneumonia."

"One thing we emphasize a lot on is hand washing," explains St. Anthony Principal Jamie McIsaac. "Sanitizing, info out of the health bulletin. Like I said I am not a medical expert, but we encourage washing hands properly. Providing wipes to those younger kids who may need it."

Gentle reminders go a long way with students.

"If teachers see them going to the washroom they remind them to wash their hands, or if they see them coming out of the washrooms asking if they did. It's part of a routine," he said.

Meanwhile Eldorado School has already seen the first wave of sickness travel through its halls.

"We finished going through a viral cold thing. Many staff and kids had it, during which time we encouraged parents to go get it checked," said Eldorado School Principal Grace Redford. The school has some tips for parents.

"It is standard. Get a lot of rest, eat healthy, and wash your hands, dress properly for the weather. And if they (students) are really coughing a lot or have diarrhoea don't send them to school to prevent all of that from going around," she explained.

The school encourages all staff members to get flu shots. Something Hinshaw has recommended to all Albertans.

"(One thing) I would like to emphasize is influenza vaccine is most effective, so we encourage people to go and get them. It's free of charge. It takes a couple weeks to be effective. The longer they wait the less effective it will be. The more

people who get immunized the better," she explained.

Her advice is also to see a doctor only when need be.

"I do recommend not seeing the doctor at first sign of illness because they will get better. Standard care of rest and fluids and nutritious food helps. Certainly go see the doctor if they're really sick," she explained.

Because there could be more than just sick people and magazines at the doctor's office.

"You could be exposing your germs to theirs and they will be exposing it to you in the waiting room," she explained.

If you're unsure about what you have, she recommends calling the provincial health line.

"We do have Alberta Health Link that has nurses 24/7 who can help assess and help someone over the phone. That way you avoid going to the doctor's office," she added.

Health Link Alberta can be reached at 1-866-408-5465.

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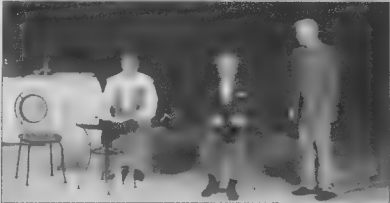
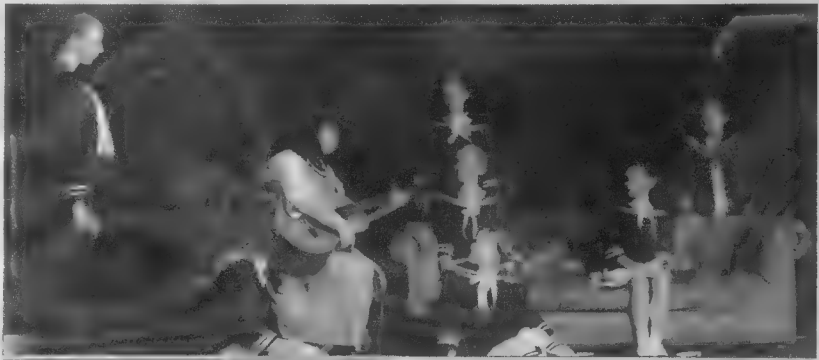
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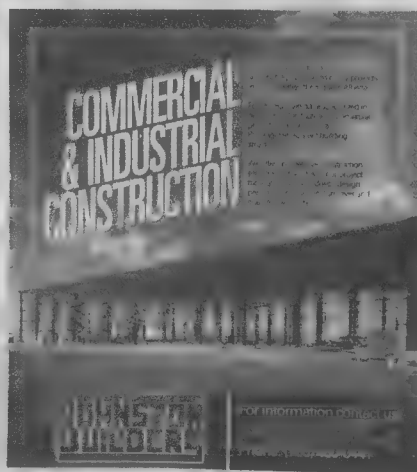
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### LOCAL TALENT LIGHTS UP STAGE



All the hard work paid off for the cast of *The Sound of Music*. The musical that was put together by local artists, who volunteered to be part of the show, was sold out both weekends it went live at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre. Crowds were enthusiastic in the applause for the efforts of the local cast, crew and all those involved.



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## season's greetings

# Decorate to impress in every room of the house

News Canada

You've been decorating your home for the holidays for years. You're so used to something different every time around. With a little ingenuity, you can turn your house into a wonderland that not only is reflective of the season, but of your personality," says Sally Morse, director of creative services for Hunter Douglas. It's also a chance to show off your creativity.

### BEGIN WITH THE BASICS

What are the basics? In any room, says interior designer Alex Hargrove, it's all about colour, contrast and proportion.

If you put a big tree at one end of the living room, be sure the other end features something equally heavy, a large lamp wrapped around the stair rail or draped over a large mirror.

If walls are white or ivory, use deep purple and red accents. Bright pillar candles in glass, clothes on the hallway table work well. White on white displays offer a casually elegant ambience, e.g. white hydrangeas interspersed with holly leaves.

If the front door is extremely tall or wide, mount two wreaths

instead of one.

It's not winter in nature that you must employ red and green for the holidays. Maybe you love pinks and yellows, rich jewel tones like garnet and sapphire, or crisp black and white.

Wreaths look lovely, herb-themed in roses, any colour, from hot pink to coral citrus. Trees can be monochromatically decorated with one colour as well as a variety of colours, and a variety of textures.

Don't forget the bathroom, especially the one used by guests. A bowl of ivy or a plant of a similar type in the shower head look special and adds a touch of nature.

Don't forget the dining room. Dining chairs and add a scattering of silver stars and bells at the back for pizzazz. Or wrap them with ribbon, a tree ornament or name and tie at the back with a bow.

"Plan ahead," says Morse. "Testing some of the concepts described here to see if they're right for your home and family. Doing that not only will guarantee a more joyous celebration for all, but provide a lot of fun for everyone right now."

More information is available online at [www.hunterdouglas.ca](http://www.hunterdouglas.ca).

They can help reduce heat loss at the window by up to 15 percent.

Have the children cut out snowflakes from construction paper in white or a colour that co-ordinates with their bedrooms. The on various lengths of ribbon in the colour of their choice and then affix to the ceiling.

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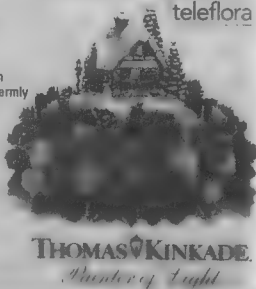
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- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 cup orange juice (With Pulp)

Instructions:

Place all ingredients into sauce pan. Bring to a boil, uncovered, stirring often. Reduce heat and simmer 5-7 minutes until thick. While it's simmering, keep pressing berries against the side of the pan to pop them.  
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## school notebook

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School is closed on Dec. 5 for a teacher professional development day.

The Christmas concert will be presented in the afternoon and the evening of Dec. 9 and 10. The following classes will perform on the 9th: K-TT, 1A, 1B, 2C, 3B, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6C, and on the 10th: K, 1A, 1B, 2C, 3B, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6C. Concerts start at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come early to get a good seat.

Mrs. Landry and her students get together with other classes from Eldorado and Evergreen and completed a Random Act of Kindness, which is aligned with their community focus for November. They brought flowers to continuing care and Serenity House, handing them to the residents and thanking them for contributing so positively to our community for so many years.

Our Santa's Anonymous drive has started! We are accepting new, unwrapped toys, gift cards, and non-perishable food items for this worthy cause. The last day to donate is Dec. 16.

Also Peew West, 411 Alberta, Wild Rose School Division and Big West Country have partnered to hold a Winter Coat Drive and have collection boxes in several schools including Aurora for new or gently used winter coats and clothing to be distributed to needy Drayton families this winter. Our bus is the lobby.

STANTHONY

As we enter the season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, it is rather coincidental that this month's virtue is 'charity'. Many of us are already engaging in the mad rush to purchase gifts to put under the tree on the 25th, but let us be mindful of the fact that charity is not always about giving material things. As St. Thomas Aquinas described it: "Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God." How can we practice charity and generosity in our community without necessarily giving material things?

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or contributed to the outdoor wildlife classes' WWF fundraising event.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our School's Book Fair last week. School Council news and

notes: Winter Wonderland is Friday Dec. 5 from 5-8 p.m. in the school gym. Come out and join the fun. We will have games for the kids, crafts, a down show, silent auction and bake sale. Plus a visit from Santa, so don't forget your camera!

If you would like to donate to the bake sale or silent auction, please leave all items in to the office no later than 3:10 p.m. on Dec. 4.

Are you looking for a quality program to care for your child? Look no further! Boys & Girls Club of Drayton Valley offers quality programming in a licensed out of school care program, run by caring and qualified staff. What will your child do in the program? There is a wide range of activities, including centres, stories, snack, outdoor play, games, crafts, dramatic play, cooking, and free time!

What about the cost? The cost is \$3.10 per month (with the cost going down \$5.00 for each additional child). If you need to, you can apply for full subsidy from the government (similar to how you would for day care). Our staff work from 3-6 p.m. with the children each school day. And full day camps are held on weekdays when there is no school (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) are included in this cost. (This excludes statutory holidays of course.)

Only need child care on PD days?

If you are only interested in the full day camps as mentioned above, here's what you can register your child for a cost of \$35 for a single day. Day camp registrations are accepted a week prior to the day. Please contact the Boys & Girls Club of Drayton Valley at 780-514-3400.

New from the Shark Tank Running Club will have their feet quickly moving on Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Important reminders:

With snow and much cooler temperatures on the way, we would like to remind parents/guardians that our school does not open until 8:20 a.m. Please, if your children will be walking outside, ensure that they are dressed appropriately.

Also, please make sure your child/children have winter attire for recess outside.

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sites e-mails for over the library books even though it is only 1 day late. This is only a reminder and your child does not get penalized for this, especially on days that they are absent.

Preventing the spread of illness in schools is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible. Please do your part by keeping your child/children home when they are unwell. It is important that we keep our school safe for everyone.

You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, pertussis, measles, impetigo, fifth disease, hand foot and mouth or pneumonia. Remember to call the school every day that your child will be absent. Make sure the school has your current contact information in case your child was to become ill or injured at school.

All messages need to arrive at the main office before lunch hour. This way we can make sure that your child gets this message without being disrupted from their class and ensuring they receive the message before the end of the day.

Only in cases of emergency will we call your child out of class. Staff welcomes opportunities to meet and discuss your child's program, but DO NOT interrupt classes to speak to your child's teacher. Please leave a message at the office for the teacher to call and make an appointment.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents, please make sure you call the office or e-mail [kierleckenmeyer@gtbcl.ca](mailto:kierleckenmeyer@gtbcl.ca) if your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unable to answer the phone.

Important dates to remember in December:

1 - Mrs. Prentice's class swimming 10-11 a.m., Junior High Awards Ceremony 12 p.m.

8 - PD Day, no school, Winter Wonderland 5-8 p.m. in the school gym.

9 - Mrs. Prentice's class swimming 10-11 a.m.

10 - Kindergarten Christmas concert 1:30 p.m.

11 - Grade 1-6 Christmas concert.

12 - Adoration.

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## school notebook

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TOMAHAWK

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

In Tomahawk School's Christmas concert will take place on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. We welcome all students to attend! Circle the date on your calendar!

The winter season is most definitely here, bringing with it, at times, very cold weather. Please ensure your children dress appropriately in snow pants, jackets, toques and mitts so they can enjoy their playtime outside during recess and be warm and safe in their bus ride to and from school.

Have you considered having your child's Christmas stocking embroidered with his or her name? We have an in-house embroidery machine able to

embroider most jackets, t-shirts, stockings, etc. at a reasonable cost. Please contact Tomahawk School for further information.

Thank you to Mr. Lucas Coffey, a band drummer, for working with all our students as they participated in the Artist in Residence program Nov. 24-26. Students put on two fabulous performances for their parents on Nov. 27.

On Dec. 2 Kindergarten students and their Grade 5-6 buddies will be attending the Royal Candelabra Ball. They are all looking forward to this grand event. Parents, dressed in finest attire, are invited to attend this formal event.

Thank you to Servus Credit Union in Drayton Valley for their generous donation of \$2,000 to Friends of Tomahawk School towards the Snoozlen Hour.

## Entwistle news



Photos submitted

On Oct. 31 Entwistle School proudly hosted our annual Halloween dance for the WESJ and schools. We were pleased to have Junior high students from Seba Beach, Tomahawk and Wabamun join us. Students had a wonderful time and had an opportunity to dance from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. thanks to the parent volunteers who ran the concession.

Our students did an amazing job raising money for the Terry Fox Run. At a school we collected more than \$1,000.

Also in October students in grades four through six visited the Telus World of Science and participated in the Interactive Exhibitions: Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archaeology! On Nov. 30 students from Entwistle School boarded a bus in the morning at Tomahawk to participate in We Day in Wabamun. We Day is an engaging experience that inspires students to be global citizens.

Students had the opportunity to listen to Silken Laumann, Dr. Williams, Steve Forbes and Richard Meik look forward to seeing them again at the school and community. For more information visit [www.weday.ca](http://www.weday.ca). If you should ever have any questions, concerns, celebratory or concerns please feel free to e-mail [horning@gtbcl.ca](mailto:horning@gtbcl.ca) or call 780-727-7111 at any time. I look forward to a great year as we continue provide every child with any opportunities.

## school notebook

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Running out of ideas for lunch, especially at the end of a long week?

Parkland School Division and Tomahawk School are happy to present Cold Lunch Count to our students and families on Fridays. In partnership with Save on Foods and the Youth Resiliency Initiative (Health Champions), we are excited to provide Cold Lunch Counts program to our school. This is a healthy lunch program that is purchased online by parents and then delivered to our school. After a lunch is purchased online, an order will be sent over to Save on Foods where a fresh deli sandwich, fruit item, and 100% juice box are prepared and labelled. The lunches will be delivered on Thursday by our local courier and served on Fridays at the school. A great feature of the program is that there is no money exchange at the school. All lunches are ordered and paid online using a credit card or the Paypal system. All lunches are completely labelled when it arrives at our doorstep and given to students on Friday at lunch in their classrooms.

The lunch combos you can order are:

\$6/Deli Sandwich Combo (fresh fruit item and 100% juice box)

\$5/Deli Wrap Combo (fresh fruit item and 100% juice box)

If you would like to order your child's lunch please visit <http://parkland.coldlunchcounts.com> and if you would like more information on how to order lunch or about the program, please contact Mrs. Nicholson at [cnicholson@pd70.ab.ca](mailto:cnicholson@pd70.ab.ca)

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#### Obituaries

**CHAREST, Lorraine** - 1943-2014 - After a brief illness, Lorraine Charest passed away at the Drayton Valley Hospital on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the age of 71 years. Her great sense of humour and deep love of her family will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her daughters, Debbie Charest and Deena Charest, sons, Dwayne Charest and Darrell (Anita) Charest, grandchildren, Crystal (Logan) Leask, Deena (Ross) Lewis, Keegan Charest, Courtney (Darenn) MacDonald and Mykal Charest, step-grandchildren, Lorena Gina and John, 14 great-grandchildren and her two brothers, Brian (Annie) Mantion and Bob (Rosemarie) Mantion. Also left with great memories of Lorraine are many extended family and friends. Lorraine was preceded by her parents, Mable and Dave Mantion. A private family graveside service will be held at Coldstream Cemetery near Vernon, British Columbia at a later date. Lorraine's family would appreciate memorial contributions be made directly to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation (CT47V), 4550 Madden Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1N8. Condolences may be sent to [www.sev erity.ca](http://www.sev erity.ca). Arrangements in care of Joelle Valiere, Funeral Director at.

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**SIMON, Bertha "Berl" Elizabeth** - April 20, 1920 - November 25, 2014. It is with sadness and sorrow that we announce the passing of Berl Simon on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the Drayton Valley Hospital with her family by her side at the age of 94 years. She leaves to her family her memory, son Rick (Marion) of Drayton Valley, daughter Jean Chanoy (Travis) of Bowser B.C., 13 grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date. If friends so desire memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Drayton Valley Health Foundation (CT47V), 4550 Madden Ave., Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1N8 or to Drayton Valley Health Foundation, Extended Care or to STARS, Suite 100, 1519-35 Ave., East Edmonton International Airport, Alberta T9E 0V6.

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#### BIEDLER, Marci -

Marci Ann Biedler passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 16, 2014, at the age of 41 years. She is survived by Blaine Nunweiler (his children, Brad and Cody) at her dad Ken Biedler and step mother Linda as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her mother Gail Biedler. Marci was an amazing person, she loved to dance, cook, garden and do crafts. She could do anything she set her mind to. Marci is at peace and we will miss her dearly. A graveside service and interment will be announced at a later date. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. To e-mail an expression of sympathy, please direct it to [patthick@telusplanet.net](mailto:patthick@telusplanet.net), subject heading Marci Biedler, or you may visit [www.patthickfuneralservices.com](http://www.patthickfuneralservices.com) and leave a message of condolence. Arrangements are by **IRK PATTICK FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM** 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 2V6. Please call 1-866-526-2214 for further information.

#### Obituaries

**Robert William Johnson**  
October 4, 1920 - November 23, 2014  
On Sunday, November 23, 2014, Mr. Robert Johnson of Drayton Valley passed away at the age of 94 years. He leaves to mourn his loss and cherish his memory, his wife Valinda, son Dale (Thelma) Johnson of Prince George, B.C., 4 daughters, Connie (Ray) Javne of Wabamun, Helen (John) Gauthier, Myrtle (Burt) Kennedy and Brenda (Robin) Gray all of Drayton Valley, stepdaughter Lisa Johnson, stepson Paul (Sandia) Johnson, 12 grandchildren, step grandsons Ryan and Ken, most recent great grandson Frazer Robert Johnson, his namesake, numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Robert was predeceased by his wife Isabel, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, granddaughter Cindy and 2 great granddaughters. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the Drayton Valley Legion Hall with Pastor Steven Brummett officiating and interment to follow at the RiverView Cemetery. If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to STARS, Suite 100, 1519-35 Ave., East, Edmonton International Airport, AB T9E 0V6. **DRAYTON VALLEY FUNERAL SERVICES** are in care of arrangements. Call 780-542-5511. Online condolences [www.draytonvalleyfuneralservices.com](http://www.draytonvalleyfuneralservices.com)

#### FISCHER, Carrie Hazel -

With grievously heavy hearts, the Fischer Family mourn the passing of Carrie Hazel Fischer (nee Daynes) at the age of 82 years. Carrie passed away in the early hours of November 22, 2014 with her beloved husband Ben of 59 years at her side, in their home in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Left to grieve at their fathers side are the couples children, Byron (Chuck), Lana (Doug), Kevin (Amanda), Lorella (Eddie) and a large extended family. A caring, loving niece, nephews, sister in law and a global community of friends. A service of remembrance is to be held at Selkirk United Church located at 2 Mission Street, Sherwood Park, Alberta, on Thursday, December 4th, 2014, at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carrie Hazel Fischer's name may be made to the Alberta Lung Association, 206-17420 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1K6. Carries wishes for a private cremation and private family interment will take place at a later date at Glenwood Memorial in Sherwood Park, Alberta. The Fischer family wishes to extend a most heartfelt thank you to all the care givers, friends, neighbours and families over the past several months. Each and every one of you brightened her day with a visit, a phone call, a note, a card. You all made her day!

#### In Memoriam



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#### The Pischke Family

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#### Thank You Notes

The family of **Ken Stewart**  
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couldn't get to every one of you at the funeral, but thank  
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for being pallbearers and the grand children who were  
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been so grateful and the Eulogy thank you. You were  
both amazing. Thank you to Jim. That with the team and  
wagon, for taking Ken on his last ride. Thank you also to  
the riders who escorted Ken.  
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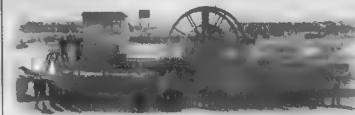
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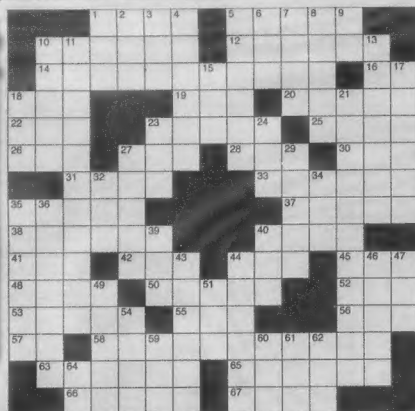
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16. Of I
18. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
19. King Cole, musician
20. Passover ceremony
22. ... ft. space genre
23. Yearned
25. Desperate
26. Cordless fabric
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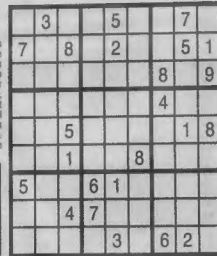
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41. Openwork fabric
42. Chit
44. Holds for use
45. Ed Murrow's home
46. Egyptian god of life
50. Shaped into a sphere
52. Goffing stand
53. Red Sea straits
55. Swiss river
57. Indicates position
58. Hostility
60. Slip by
65. Apple smartphone
66. Sheep cries
67. Affirmatives

## DOWN

1. An inferior dog
2. 4th Caliph of Islam
3. Alt. of Tao
4. Rejoicing to a people
40. Heavyhearted
43. Brit. suspenders

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## HOROSCOPES

## ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, expect to be called into action several times this week. You may prefer to avoid the spotlight, but that won't be the case this week. Make the most of this opportunity.

## TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, all of a sudden you are so busy it can be difficult to find a few moments to rest. Thankfully, you are able to keep up with all of the activity.

## GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, seek advice from a trusted confidante as you contemplate a project lifestyle change. This person will provide valuable insight as you look to make the best decision possible.

## CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, going solo on a project may not seem like the ideal situation, but you don't want to be distracted this week, so going it alone is the best way to tackle the tasks at hand.

## LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, following your gut may not always work out, but this week everything works out for the best. Don't let your impulsiveness as much as you can, though.

## VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, although you might be dreaming of a lavish vacation and an escape from the daily grind, it's just not possible at this time. Start saving for the dream excursion.

## LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, although it's noble to offer assistance to everyone you meet, you may be struggling to take care of yourself in the process. You must put your needs first.

## SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A desire to detach from others and be entirely self-sufficient can have some challenges. Scorpio, you don't need to give up independence to have the support of others.

## SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your energy levels are high and there is nothing you can't accomplish this week. Avoid extra caffeine because you're already buzzing.

## CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Find a balance between caution and carelessness, Capricorn. You cannot control every situation, and this week you may have something unexpected come your way.

## AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, if you're on the lookout for new work opportunities, look no further than your own supervisor for guidance. He or she may be your biggest ally.

## PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You have boundless creativity, Pisces, and this week you get to channel it into a special project. Don't overinvest yourself until everything gets done.

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## Tools needed for successful indoor garden

To garden successfully indoors you need more than just a good eye for decorating with plants. Providing proper growing conditions is very important. With the right care and located in the right place, your indoor plants will live a good long life.

Indoor tropical plants provide oxygen and clean the air. They also transpire moisture, which can be very helpful to us when winter air humidity drops dramatically.



Mark Cullen

**LIGHT REQUIREMENTS**  
Estimating the amount of light that a plant needs is not difficult. Plants that do not get enough light will usually look pale, have longer than normal stems, and smaller than normal leaves. Sometimes a plant will actually look as if it is reaching for light, stretching its leaves toward the nearest window, a sure sign that it needs either to be placed in a sunnier window or the natural light augmented with artificial light. Plants with colourful foliage will lose that colour when they don't get enough light and revert to green leaves.

Too much light is characterized by burn spots on the leaves. In some cases the leaves will turn pale and wither before wilting and drying up. These symptoms can have other causes, but if a plant is sitting in the hot sun on a south-facing window sill when these symptoms occur, it's a good bet that too much light is the problem. Move it away from the window at least during mid-day and see if that makes a difference. Problems with excess light usually occur in the summer months when the sun is at its highest angle.

Through the winter season, there are some additional variables to keep in mind. When plants are dormant — not showing any growth but looking healthy in every other way — they need less light. When plants are blooming, the blooms will usually last longer if they are kept out of the hot sun. However, in the case of continuous blooming plants such as hibiscus and African violets, these need consistent sun to form new flowers.

Light quality becomes a factor when you rely entirely on artificial light for your houseplants. They require light from the violet/blue and orange/red parts of the spectrum. Incandescent light bulbs offer primarily red and infra-red which translates into heat but few of the other wavelengths. Incandescent Grow Lights do supply the other wavelengths and less heat. A couple of fluorescent tubes will provide the needed wavelengths. Some combine the red and blue light stimulat-

ing natural light, others will concentrate on one end of the spectrum or the other.

A four foot fluorescent bulb will provide light for an area four feet long and six inches wide. Two such bulbs, six inches away from the plant, will provide about 800 foot candles, which is enough light to keep African Violets happy, but not enough for plants which need full sun to bloom. For these, fluorescent fixtures can be used in combination so their light overlaps, with extra light provided by incandescent grow lights.

**FERTILIZER**  
Fertilizing indoor plants in winter is necessary only when you see new growth developing or the plant is in bloom. Otherwise your tropical plants are 'resting' this time of year and will not benefit from a fertilizer application. It is best to err on the side of caution and give plants a little less than the amount the instructions call for.

I have discovered three rules for

successful fertilizing: do not fertilize plants when they are wilted, when the soil is dry, or when they are dormant. Plants only need nutrients when they are growing well, and/or flowering. Fertilizing at other times could cause a build-up in the soil which might damage the roots. If white salts build up on the pot rim or soil surface, stop fertilizing and drench the soil a couple of times, then, if growth continues, resume feeding in a month or so, using less fertilizer. If the plant stops growing or wilts, despite the proper watering schedule, stop fertilizing and drench again. Then wait until growth resumes before starting up the fertilizing, and use a weaker solution than before.

**MATTHEW**  
In the winter months, the air indoors has a tendency to be dry and conditions are perfect for insects to thrive. To reduce hot, dry conditions around your plants, place a tray filled with pebbles and water under your plants. The water should not touch the bottom of the pots. This will create a cooler, humid atmosphere due to evaporation. Routinely inspecting houseplants enables you to observe and correct most problems before they get out of control. You will be able to spot insect or disease problems before they get too serious. Keep the leaves free from dust accumulation by washing them with a soft cloth and tepid water. However, African violets and other

'halcy' leafed plants should not be misted or washed with a cloth. They should be washed in lukewarm, soapy water. Just hold the soil in place, wash the plant in the soapy water and rinse twice in clear water. Knowing when to give your indoor tropical plants attention — and when to back off — is the secret to long term success.

— Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40 a.m. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at [www.markcullen.com](http://www.markcullen.com).

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## If you like it then you better put a wreath on it says Cheryl Gillespie

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I love a great wreath, greeting your guests as they arrive at the front door to celebrate the holidays or hanging gracefully above the mantel over the fireplace as we entertain in the living room.

This weekend get into the spirit of the season by creating a beautiful wreath for your home. They are easy to make yourself and you'll not only have a one-of-a-kind wreath to hang but it will be perfectly suited to your home.

Personally, I love to use real branches as a base for my wreaths. You can purchase simple, pre-made evergreen wreaths from many Christmas tree stores or even your local grocery store for less than \$20. Or you can simply buy a metal form from the craft store and attach the boughs with real twigs.

Now get those creative juices flowing and take that ordinary plain evergreen wreath to extraordinary by adding your personal touches. This year, I've created a couple of beauties by adding feathers to the evergreen

wreaths. Consider inserting elegant peacock or turkey feathers amongst the boughs or weaving an inexpensive leather bow through the boughs or group hot pink feather clusters in clusters around the wreath.

I also added oversized, glittery Christmas balls and, of course, a fabulous bow. I was in Las Vegas last weekend so I'm inspired by the showgirl costumes as I'm creating my wreaths this weekend.

On other wreaths I've added gold and silver or faux birds. I often add a large ornament such as a crystal angel or glass star to the centre of my bows.

I saw a Tiffany window display that had a brilliant wreath made completely from the store's iconic blue boxes. You could do the same with metallic boxes available at the dollar store.

I've created wreaths from pine cones, fabric scraps and have seen a few on Pinterest that had me take a second look using marshmallows and coffee filters. Now that we have LED battery-operated mini-lights or even solar-powered light strings, we are able to add light to

it sparkle and cover the top glitz, but use your home's colour palette and decor style to tie it all together. That's fabulous living!

— Cheryl Gillespie is an award-winning designer with a passion for travel. Visit her online at [www.rockhousestyle.com](http://www.rockhousestyle.com)

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